

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed January 3, 2007, has been received and reviewed. By the present Response and Amendment, claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 15, and 16 are amended, and claims 4 and 14 are cancelled. No new matter is introduced. All claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth below.

Rejection of Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) – Fascenda

Claims 1 – 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2004/0068653 of *Fascenda*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Nevertheless, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 10 to clarify the claimed invention.

The present invention is directed to a multiple subscription subscriber identity module (SIM) card for use with portable devices. The SIM card includes a subscription identity module (SIM) coupled to the card. The SIM has a plurality of sets of subscription parameters stored thereon. A single set of subscription parameters from among the plurality of sets of subscription parameters can be selected by a user through a software interface and activated. As described in the Applicant's specification on page 4, paragraph 13, the subscription parameters can identify the user, the user device and/or the market or region in which the device is used.

The *Fascenda* system relates to a Wi-Fi communications method and system that enables automatic network roaming without requiring any back-end authentication servers. A laptop computer listens for a "beacon frame" broadcast from a Wi-Fi access point. The beacon frame identifies the basic service set identifier (BSSID) of the access point. A token, or client key, installed on a USB flash drive stores a set of authentication parameters, or cryptographic keys, for each Wi-Fi network the client is permitted to access. Each set of authentication parameters is associated with a particular BSSID. Thus, the laptop computer can identify and use the appropriate set of authentication parameters necessary to access the Wi-Fi network.

As amended, claim 1 recites, "A multiple subscription subscriber identity module (SIM) card for use with portable devices, said card comprising: a subscription identity

module (SIM) coupled to said card, said SIM including a plurality of sets of subscription parameters and a software interface for allowing a user to select which one of the plurality of sets of subscription parameters to activate, wherein a single set of subscription parameters is selected from among the plurality of sets of subscription parameters and wherein the selected set of subscription parameters is activated." Claim 10 recites, "A method for activating a set of subscription parameters on a subscriber identity module (SIM) card, comprising the steps of: providing a subscriber identity module (SIM) card having a subscription identity module (SIM) coupled to said card, said SIM including a plurality of sets of subscription parameters; providing a software interface prompting a user to select which one of the plurality of sets of subscription parameters to activate; receiving the selection of the subscription parameter; and activating the selected subscription parameter."

Applicant respectfully submits that *Fascenda* does not disclose teach or suggest at least the features of a SIM card interfaced with a portable device, wherein SIM stores a plurality of subscription parameters, wherein one of which can be selected by a user of the portable device. Rather, *Fascenda* discloses a SIM installed in a USB flash drive that is connected to a laptop's USB port. Nothing in *Fascenda* discloses, teaches, or suggests allowing a user to select which parameters to use. For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

For at least the reasons that dependent claims 2 – 9 and 11 – 18 incorporate the limitations of independent claims 1 and 10, these dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above for the corresponding independent claim. Thus, claims 2 – 9 and 11 – 18 are also allowable. Accordingly, allowance of claims 2 – 9 and 11 – 18 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection have been overcome and/or traversed. Applicant therefore respectfully solicits allowance of the application. Should there be any further questions or concerns, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned.

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